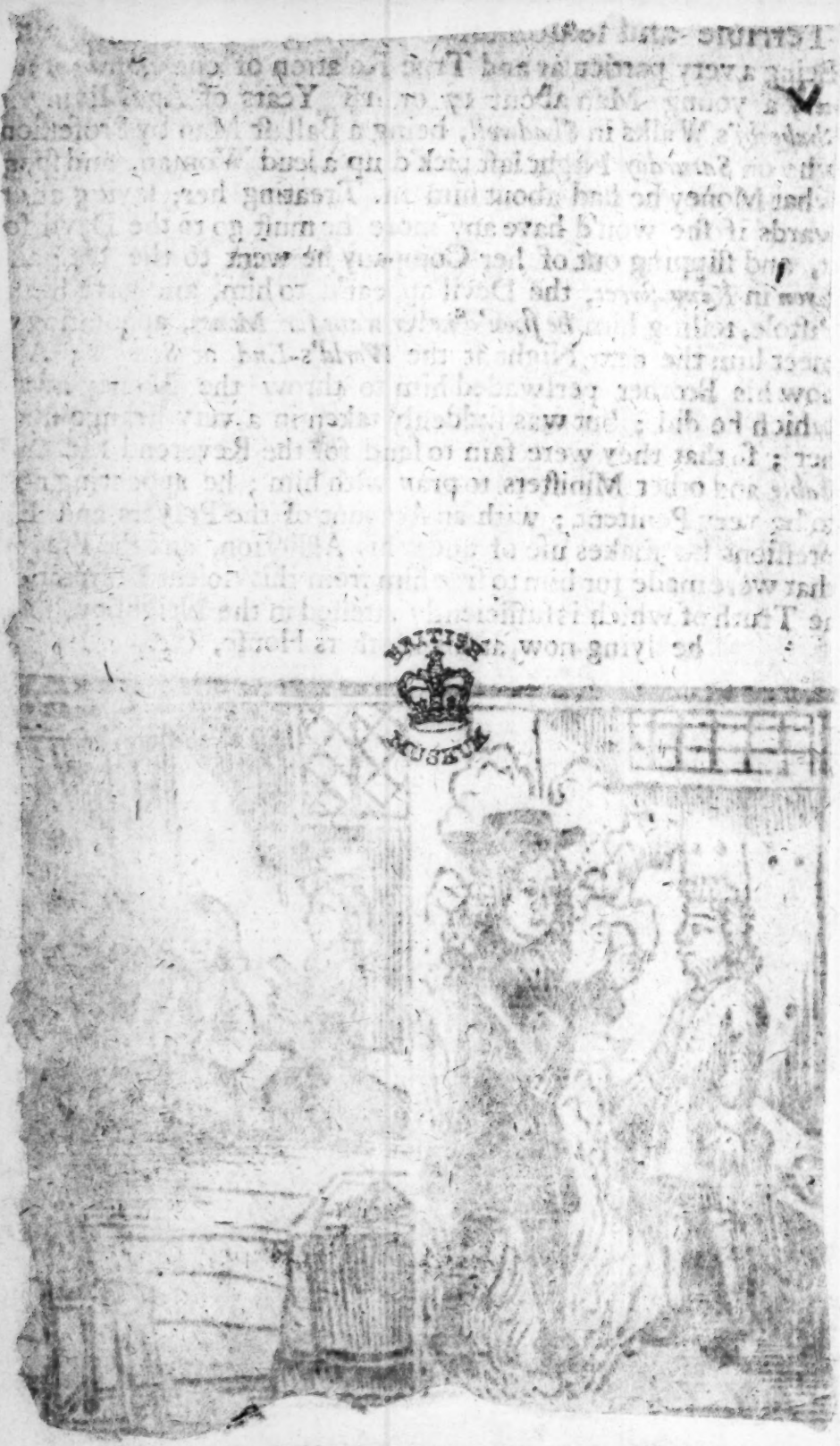
A Terrible and ſeaſonable *Warning* to young *Men*;

Being a very particular and True Relation of one *Abra[illegible]ner*, a young Man about 17 or 18 Years of Age, living in *Shakesby's* Walks in *Shadwell*, being a Ballaſt Man by Profeſſion, who on *Saturday* Night laſt pick'd up a leud Woman, and ſpent what Money he had about him in Treating her, ſaying afterwards if ſhe wou'd have any more he muſt go to the Devil for it, and ſlipping out of her Company he went to the *Cock* and *Lyon* in *King-ſtreet*, the Devil appear'd to him, and gave him a Piſtole, telling him *he ſhou'd never want for Money*, appointing to meet him the next Night at the *World's-End* at *Stepney*; Alſo how his Brother perſwaded him to throw the Money away, which he did; but was ſuddenly taken in a very ſtrange manner; ſo that they were fain to ſend for the Reverend Mr. *Conſtable* and other Miniſters to pray with him; he appearing now to be very Penitent; with an Account of the Prayers and Expreſſions he makes uſe of under his Affliction, and the Prayers that were made for him to free him from this violent Temptation.

The Truth of which is ſufficiently atteſted in the Neighbourhood, he lying now at his Mothers Houſe, *&c.*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A terrible, and ſeaſonable Warning to all Young Men, &c.

WE *daily ſee, to the unſpeakable Grief and Sorrow of a good Chriſtian, how Immodeſty and Irreligion hourly gains ground in the World, and from ſmall beginnings grow into the greateſt and moſt provoking Sins, but we ſee that God Almighty does not always let 'em go unchek'd, but very often, for Example, ſtrike them with Horror and Confuſion, to turn Men from their ſinful ways, if they are not harden'd in their Iniquities, ſo as to be paſt Redemption, as we hope the following Perſon is not, who inſtead of Praying againſt Temptation, run into thoſe wicked Courſes that laid him liable to the greateſt Malice of the Devil; but not to dwell any longer on the Preamble, we ſhall now come to Matter of F. A.*

Abraham Joiner, a Ballaſt Man by Profeſſion, a young Man between 17 and 18 Years of Age, living in *Shakesby*'s Walks, near *Shadwel* Church, did for ſome time uſe the Sea, from whence he hath not been long returned, and hath wholly ſetled to his own Buſineſs; he gave himſelf up much to Pleaſure, and keeping Company with Women, eſpecially one *Ann Turner*, whom he was very great with, always fed her with what Money Money he cou'd ſcrape together; but now having Waſted the little he had got, and not having wherewith to ſupply his Miſtris, who was daily puting him upon wayes to raiſe her Money; in which humour he went Home to his Mother to borrow ſome of her, who told him that ſhe had no Money to ſupply his wicked Courſes, but if he wanted Money on any good Account, he ſhou'd have whatever was in her Power

Power. He then Swore he wou'd have Money if he went to the Devil for it, and wou'd have broke open his own Cheſt to take out his Cloaths to *Pawn* or Sell for Money for his Miſtreſs; but his Mother prevented him therein.

This did not ſattisfie his Miſtriſs who told him, ſhe muſt have Mony, or keep others Company to ſupply her, which greatly perplex'd this young Man, ſo that he ſlipt from her as if he wou'd go home again, but ſhe follow'd him into the Field, call'd the *Fahthing Field*, and their urg'd him again to procure her ſome Mony.

In this Humor he went to the *Cock* and *Lyon* in *King-ſtreet*; where there came into a Room to him a Perſon in a Dark colour'd Habit, and ask'd what made him ſo Melancholly? if he wanted Money, he wou'd help him to it, and bid him meet him the next Night, which he

at firſt told him he wou'd do; but afterwards ſuſpecting it might be the Devil, he told him he cou'd not meet him at the time, then bid him meet him on *Sunday* behind *Stepney* Church, which he conſented to, and going away, gave him a Piſtole in Gold; after which the young Man grew uneaſie in his Mind, and going home ſhew'd his Brother, who adviſ'd him to throw the Money away, aſſuring him it cou'd be none but the Devil; which very much terrified the young Man, ſo that he threw the Money away, and was taken with a ſudden trembling, and falling on his Knees, beſought God to forgive him.

In this Condition Mr. *Conſtable* the Miniſter of the *Pariſh* was ſent for, and Mr. *Symons*, who *Pray'd* by him till the time was over, when he had promis'd to meet the *Perſon* he had ſeen; and Mr. *Conſtable* but other

Divines

Divines us'd many *Prayers* and Exhortations with him, and at lenth ſo comforted him, that 'tis hoped the Devil will have no farther *Power* over him. if he takes this timely Warning to lay hold of the Mercies of God. Some of the *Prayers* us'd with him are as follows.

Doctor *Conſtable*'s Prayer, Miniſter of *Shadwell*-Church.

O Moſt Holy and Omnipotent Lord God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, we moſt humbly Implore thy Divine Majeſty to Extend thy Merciful Goodneſs and Heavenly Benediction to this poor Sinful Creature now lying under the Alluſions and Temptations of Satan, the Common Enemy of Mankind; and ſince it hath pleaſed Thee to endure him with Grace of Repentance, Grant Increaſe of thy Divine Inſpirations to the working an effectual Reformation in him. Deliver and preſerve him, O Lord, from the Hand of his Adverſary the Devil, and ſuffer him not to obtain his diſired Victory over this Suprliant, who caſts himſelf at the Footſtool of

thy Mercy, lying proſtrate before thy Majeſty. Give him Strength to reſiſt the Tempter, and preſerve him the remaining part of his Life, in thy Faith and Fear, and bring him to thy Everlaſting Kingdom, to thy Honour and Glory, for Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Mr. Symons's *Prayer.*

O Moſt holy Lord God and Preſeruer of Menkind, whoſe Power is above all, and unto whom all muſt Submit, I earneſtly implore thy healp and aſſiſtance in preſerving this, unhappy and Wicked youth, and kelp him from the Power of Satan who as overcome many Miſerable Creatuhe with his wicked Temptation, Grant I beſeech the O Heavenly Father, that as about th's time the tempter of Mankind was to come for both Soul and Body, of this our poor and unfortunate Brother, that he may be preſuaded his tendcr Mercy, and made Senſibly of this great Wickedneſs, whereby he may have time to repent of all his Sins, aed ſo bechme a true penitent, to the Honour and Glory of theſe our Lord God, and only Governour, and this I beg for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake our Redeemer, Amen.

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